

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 4, 19, 21 and 23 have been amended so that claims 1-24 now correspond to claims 1, 2, 17, 32, 3-16, 23, 30, 38, 45, 47 and 54 as examined in the parent PCT application, PCT/US03/24625, and which were pending at the end of the International Phase. The Applicant notes that, of the amended claims in the present application, the claims corresponding to present claims 1-3 and 5-24 in the parent PCT application were indicated as meeting the PCT criteria for patentability in the International Preliminary Examination Report. No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of these amendments is requested.

CONCLUSION


The Applicants believe that all pending claims, claims 1-24, are now believed to be in condition for examination. If, however, there remain any issues which can be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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